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For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN ) July 16, 2007  
      GROUND FISH MEAT      )

**REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2007,  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.